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1. THE GREEK MEDIA HAD LITTLE TIME TO REACT TO PRESIDENT
CARTER'S NEWS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE CITED THE LIFTING OF
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THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO AS THE MOST IMMEDIATE AND URGENT
FOREIGN POLICY DECISION TO BE MADE BY THE CONGRESS. ONLY
TWO NEWSPAPERS THIS MORNING (JUNE 15) CARRIED THE STORY,
AND IN BOTH CASES IT WAS GIVEN SECONDARY TREATMENT.

2. IN THE AFTERNOON, ALL NEWSPAPERS HAD SUMMARY
ACCOUNTS OF WHAT PRESIDENT CARTER SAID ABOUT THE

EMBARGO ISSUE, BUT ONLY PRO-GOVERNMENT VRADYNI GAVE IT FRONT PAGE TREATMENT UNDER THE BANNER HEADLINE "CARTER UNSHEATHS THE SWORD AND PRESSURES CONGRESS ON THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO". OTHER AFTERNOON NEWSPAPERS CONTINUED TO PLAY THE INFORMATION IN A LOW-KEY FASHION. PRESIDENT CARTER'S SUPPORT FOR LIFTING THE EMBARGO IS THE PRIMARY STORY IN THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED RADIO NEWS BROADCASTS.

3. SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT DUE TO THE TIME DIFFERENCE. NEVERTHELESS, CONSIDERABLE CRITICAL COMMENT IS ANTICIPATED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
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